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San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Seismic Safety
Project Contractors Information Session at Caltrans
District 4 Auditorium, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland,
California, reporting commenced at 11:15 a.m., Friday,
November 2, 2001 before Maryann Costa Davi, CSR No. 5820.

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1 Brian Maroney, Project Manager, announced that an
2 addendum will be issued at 10:00 a.m. today changing the
3 bid opening date to December 19, 2001.

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5 MR. BATA: I'd like to introduce Rachel Falsetti.
6 She's the manager on the toll bridge project, and she's
7 going to take this session. Rachel?

8 MS. FALSETTI: Thank you, Amer. I'd first like to,
9 before I start, say thanks to Amer Bata for all the work
10 that he did, because he organized this whole Contractors
11 Outreach, and it's been a lot of work. He didn't have a
12 whole heck of a lot of time because it was a last-minute
13 thing, so I'd really like to announce to the group, thank
14 you, Amer. It's been a lot of work and it looks like it
15 turned out well. Thank you.

16 As far as this part of the session, can everyone
17 hear me, for one? I don't know if this mike is working.

18 This part of the session we're calling Contractor
19 Feedback. Normally, in the Contractors Outreach, what we
20 do is contractors questions-and-answers.

21 In this case, it's only feedback because we are
22 during the advertisement period, so we need to stay
23 within the legal bounds of what keeps a level playing
24 field.

25 So, in this case, we've got a lot of questions and

1 comments from the contractors, these blue cards, which I
2 will be reading off of. We will be taking these -- and
3 we have a court reporter here, Mary Ann. She's going to
4 be typing all these questions in for us. We will post
5 them in our normal bid inquiry process and get answers
6 onto the web page when we can; but, we cannot answer the
7 questions today in this setting.

8 But, we do recognize that you have feedback. It's
9 great to get your feedback. Of course, the bid inquiry
10 process is still there for you to use. After I go
11 through all the questions that I have here, which is
12 quite a stack, we are opening it for any contractors, or
13 any people, that would like to come up to this
14 microphone.

15 Here, again, it's kind of -- has to be in an orderly
16 fashion so our court reporter will get all the questions
17 down -- or feedback -- and, basically, you'll need to
18 come up and state your name and spell it and then give
19 your company name and spell it; or you can leave a
20 business card so that we get all of that down when we
21 have all that recorded -- so that is all recorded.

22 The first comment that we have is from Jim Miner and
23 he is with Gunderboom Technologies, and his comment is:

24 "In that the agency reports and the testing revealed
25 that the bubble-ring approach to preventing fish kill was

1 not effective when pile driving was done, how will the
2 fabric curtain technology that was proven effective be
3 implemented once the project is underway?"

4 Again, like I said, all these are things that we're
5 going to have to put on our website and answer, if
6 possible, through the bid inquiry process.

7 The next question was from Satinder Singh, and he is
8 with SPS Engineers:

9 "Can a 'DBE' based in Oakland count towards 'small
10 local business' goal as well?"

11 Todd Sutton with -- and I never get this company's
12 name right -- Koch Skanska:

13 "The Marine mobilization on this job could far
14 exceed \$150 million. Will you establish a bid item for
15 Establish Marine Access similar to other toll bridge
16 jobs?"

17 You know, I'm not supposed to answer, but, if you
18 look on the website, there is that question, and there is
19 an answer already on the website.

20 "The 900 working days for this project is not enough
21 time. Will Caltrans revise the working days to make the
22 contract duration 54 months?"

23 Again, Todd Sutton with Koch Skanska:

24 "The steel structures special provisions requires
25 the steel erector to be AISC case certified and also have

1 a fracture critical. AISC has no company certified with
2 the fracture critical endorsement and has no program in
3 place to do this. Will the specification be changed?"

4 Again, Todd Sutton Koch Skanska:

5 "Currently, over 100 questions are posted on the
6 website and 42 or over 42% remain as 'answer pending.'
7 These questions need answers in a timely manner to
8 properly prepare the bid. When will this happen?"

9 Dave Parker with Lucas Marine:

10 "Who pays for damages, fish kill, when bubble ring
11 fails."

12 That's a good question.

13 Dave Parker, again, with Lucas Marine:

14 "Who pays for damage due to turbidity."

15 And then some people have just given me cards with
16 their name and company, and I think that's just to state
17 they want to be added to our list, and we'll make that
18 happen.

19 Sabina with -- I guess it's Lucy's Sales Company:

20 "If a Prime has only good faith effort, for example,
21 \$500,000 less than prime, who has met DBE, SBE and DVBE
22 goals which company would have preference to be awarded
23 the bid."

24 Fred Johnson, Houston International - DVBE:

25 "Are foreign flag crane barges allowed to work on

1 project."

2 Steve Orndorf, Napa Pipe Corporation (Oregon Steel

3 Mills):

4 What is the projected elapsed time between

5 contractor award and commencement of pile driving?"

6 Lynn Iaquina with National Steel Bridge Alliance:

7 "Response to questions 80 and 81 Addendum #4 -

8 Section 10-1.44 steel structures, sub-section shop

9 welding..inspection and testing 'All CJP welds shall be

10 100% UT inspected by the contractor...In addition, butt

11 welds shall be inspected by the radiographic method...'. .

12 Response #80 'All CJP welds shall be 100% UT

13 inspected by the Contractor' clarify...

14 #81 Does this mean all CJP welds will be 100%

15 inspected by both UT and radiography? This requirement

16 is very expensive.

17 Will testing normally be required by D1.5 also be

18 necessary?

19 AWS 6.7 requirements. AWS D1.5 only requires 100%

20 RT for welds in tension parallel to the weld axis on main

21 members.

22 Is that the reasoning?

23 Are all the welds in the tension parallel to the

24 weld axis?

25 This seems quite conservative. Please clarify the

1 reasoning for the 100% radiography and whether 100% UT is
2 also required."

3 This one is anonymous:

4 "Given the current economic downturn, it would be
5 reassuring to hear a more concerted effort towards
6 utilizing U.S. businesses throughout the East Bay Bridge
7 project. Comments have been made by a member of the
8 design team regarding the likelihood that certain
9 portions of the contract will involve foreign
10 procurement. Even Councilwoman Nadel, in her remarks
11 today, mentioned foreign contractors.

12 While there are concerns for the budget - and
13 recognizing that 'buy America' applies to some portions
14 of the project - the current division of the contracts
15 makes it very likely that the 25% rule will allow a
16 significant portion of this project to be supplied from
17 outside the U.S.

18 Caltrans has been very vocal about the DBE
19 requirements of the project. Why not extend that effort
20 to the entire project and support American industries in
21 this time of economic difficulties."

22 John Hernandez, Cyberspace Technologies
23 International, Inc:

24 "Will DVBE businesses have a list or access to list
25 of Primary Contractors that we can partner with? (For

1 this project).

2 Will Primary Contractor have access to a list of
3 DVBE businesses as well."

4 You know, I will answer that. On the website is a
5 list of the Primary Contractors -- or all the contractors
6 that have actually asked for the plans and specs for this
7 job -- so you can get on the website and find that
8 information; along with the fact that we plan on mailing
9 out to everyone in attendance here a list of all the
10 people that attended, and it will say whether they're
11 DVBE, SBE or DBE, prime, sub, supplier, so you will get
12 that information.

13 Jerry Brown, Slattery/Koch Skanska - Tutor/Saliba -
14 Washington - Weeks J.V. -- I think it's called Bay Bridge
15 Constructors:

16 "Based upon our J.V.'s preliminary schedule, the
17 current 900 workday/42 month schedule for construction
18 appears dramatically inadequate. A more realistic
19 construction schedule would be approximately 54 months.
20 The design required for this project is tremendous as
21 well as fabrication and delivery of temporary as well as
22 permanent materials which puts a large strain on the
23 schedule.

24 Will Caltrans review the current work days and
25 extend the construction time allowed for this project?"

1 Brian Peer, Dutra Group - Materials:
2 "In reference to 'Buy America clauses' it references
3 steel and materials.
4 Does this include the aggregate that will be
5 required for this project, i.e., concrete aggregate."
6 Johann Garovi, Modern Continental Construction:
7 "Request of postponement of the bid-date for the
8 skyway structures for five months."
9 Wahid Tadros, California Engineering Contractors,
10 Inc:
11 "Request postponement of bid date for 5 months."
12 Harry Stewart, the Dutra Group:
13 The Corps permit application and the Caltrans later
14 to the DMMO office identify dredge quantities which are
15 much greater than the maximum dredge quantity limitations
16 in the Caltrans Specifications Section 10-1.23.
17 Why do your specifications differ from what will
18 likely be permitted?
19 Do you intend to addend the specifications to be
20 consistent with the permits?"
21 Donald L. Hughes, Modern Mechanical:
22 "Deck drainage piping in the miscellaneous metals,
23 is it correct to assume that the Ductile iron pipe is not
24 to be galvanized. Only the deck drains and the steel
25 pipe from deck drain to connection to the Ductile iron

1 pipe is galvanized. It seems rather clear that the
2 Ductile iron pipe in mechanical section is not
3 galvanized. Both deck drainage pipe for miscellaneous
4 metal spec and utility piping from mech spec are located
5 in closed in web spaces."

6 David Rogers, Mendelian Construction, Inc:

7 "MBE goals versus good faith efforts?

8 Will there be bonding requirements?

9 If one contractor is 10 million high and meets goal,
10 the other contractor is low and has made good faith
11 effort, who will be awarded the project?"

12 And that is the end of the feedback that we got as
13 formal comments here. I'd like to open it up to anybody
14 that would like to come forward to the microphone.
15 Again, the rules are that you have to state your name and
16 your company; and if you don't want to spell those, you
17 can give a business card to me, which I will then give to
18 Mary Ann.

19 At this point, is there anything that anyone else
20 would like to add concerning anything they've heard today
21 or -- of course, the formal bid inquiry process is still
22 there and available to you. If you would like to come
23 up, that would be great.

24 MR. BROWN: Are these questions also to be included
25 in the presentation of how things work?

1 MS. FALSETTI: Yes, these questions will also be
2 included in what we post on the website.

3 MR. BROWN: I'm Jerry Brown with joint venture of
4 Slattery/Koch Skanska - Tutor/Saliba - Washington -
5 Weeks.

6 I asked a prior question about extension of the
7 contract duration. I think the 42 months or 900 days is
8 woefully inadequate; and one of our team members had
9 asked for the Caltrans schedule.

10 And, in lieu of receiving the Caltrans schedule,
11 prior to bid, will there be at least a response on
12 increments such as when the first permanent piles are to
13 be installed?

14 When was that in the Caltrans schedule?

15 So, we're hearing feedback from the vendors as well,
16 as I'm certain Caltrans members that are inquiring from
17 the supply chain to find out when these piles may be
18 fabricated and delivery times would be anticipated.

19 Can we find out -- our joint venture or all
20 bidders -- components such as pile delivery that make up
21 Caltrans' 42 month schedule? Therefore, get a better
22 understanding as to how that aggressive schedule could
23 be.

24 MS. FALSETTI: Are there any other -- I'm going to
25 let Brian --

1 MR. MARONEY: I know this might be awkward for some
2 of you, but I do want to let you know: The more
3 information that we get, even if it's repeated, is very
4 helpful. Let me use the first example:

5 The very first Contractor Outreach we had on this
6 job, a number of you told me you needed us to do a much
7 better job on our foundation reports; that is, our
8 ability to take responsibility for the geotechnical
9 engineering -- the documents -- and you'll see in the
10 specifications -- all right -- you'll see the response to
11 that geology work, geotechnical engineering, where the
12 pile tips go. We're taking that responsibility; so, we
13 do respond to you, but I need as much participation as I
14 can get out of you.

15 MR. CROWDEN: I'll give you my business card. My
16 name is Brad Dunkin. I'm with Oregon Iron Works.

17 I want to support Jerry's comment. It's one of the
18 things that you asked for us to do, if someone made a
19 comment, and we're all sitting here feeling the same
20 thing; and I know that there's a lot of fabricators out
21 here -- I heard 19 -- I only know a few of you. We are
22 the major fabricator. We will be a part of this project.
23 I support Jerry's concern about the schedule. I find it
24 absolutely unbelievable that you won't release the
25 scheduling information to the general contractors; and,

1 as a fabricator and a major supplier, all we can do is
2 give the general contractors the best that we can build.
3 You have very large structures -- very large
4 structures -- and a limited place to get them -- limited
5 fabricators that can build them at all -- and these guys
6 are struggling. I don't know how you expect them to
7 prepare this 42 month schedule if you won't give them the
8 benefit of the doubt of what you've already done.

9 MS. FALSETTI: It looks like that's all of the
10 questions that we have. Before I put Paul Hensley back
11 up, I want to encourage everyone to continue -- it looked
12 like there was a lot of networking that was going on
13 before we sat back down, and I think that's a great
14 thing, so, I want to encourage everyone to keep doing
15 that, and I'm going to return the microphone -- or
16 control -- to Paul Hensley.

17 (Reported Session ends at 11:30 a.m.)

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